

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐  
no ☐

Property Name: O'Bryan - Fisher House Inventory Number: PG:79-56  
Address: 14407 Old Marlboro Pike City: Upper Marlboro Zip Code: 20772  
County: Prince Georges USGS Topographic Map: Upper Marlboro  
Owner: Robert Hopkins Is the property being evaluated a district? ☐ yes  
Tax Parcel Number: 21 Tax Map Number: 101 Tax Account ID Number: 0197079  
Project: PG416A21 Agency: SHA  
Site visit by MHT staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Is the property located within a historic district? ☐ yes ☒ no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
NR-listed district ☐ yes Eligible district ☐ yes Name of District: \_\_\_\_\_  
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ☐ yes ☐ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ☐ yes

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district) Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ☒ yes ☐ no

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Compliance files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The O'Bryan Fisher house is a two-story three bay, frame, side-gabled dwelling. It features a central gable with diamond shaped window, a one-story front porch with turned and chamfered porch supports, fan brackets and turned spindles. Built in 1873, this house has a two story rear wing that was added in 1908. Asbestos siding was applied to the exterior of the house as well. Although it is a good example of vernacular architecture, the O'Bryan- Fisher house is a very common type and lacks the integrity necessary to be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

The property is not known to be associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of local, state or national history (criteria A). The property is not known to be associated with the lives of persons significant in the local, state, or national past (criteria B). The property does not embody the distinctive characteristics of a type; period or method of construction represent the work of a master; or possess high artistic values (criteria C). Finally, the property is not likely to yield information important in local, state, or national prehistory or history (criteria D).

Prepared by: Liz Buxton

Date Prepared: 06/06/2002

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW**

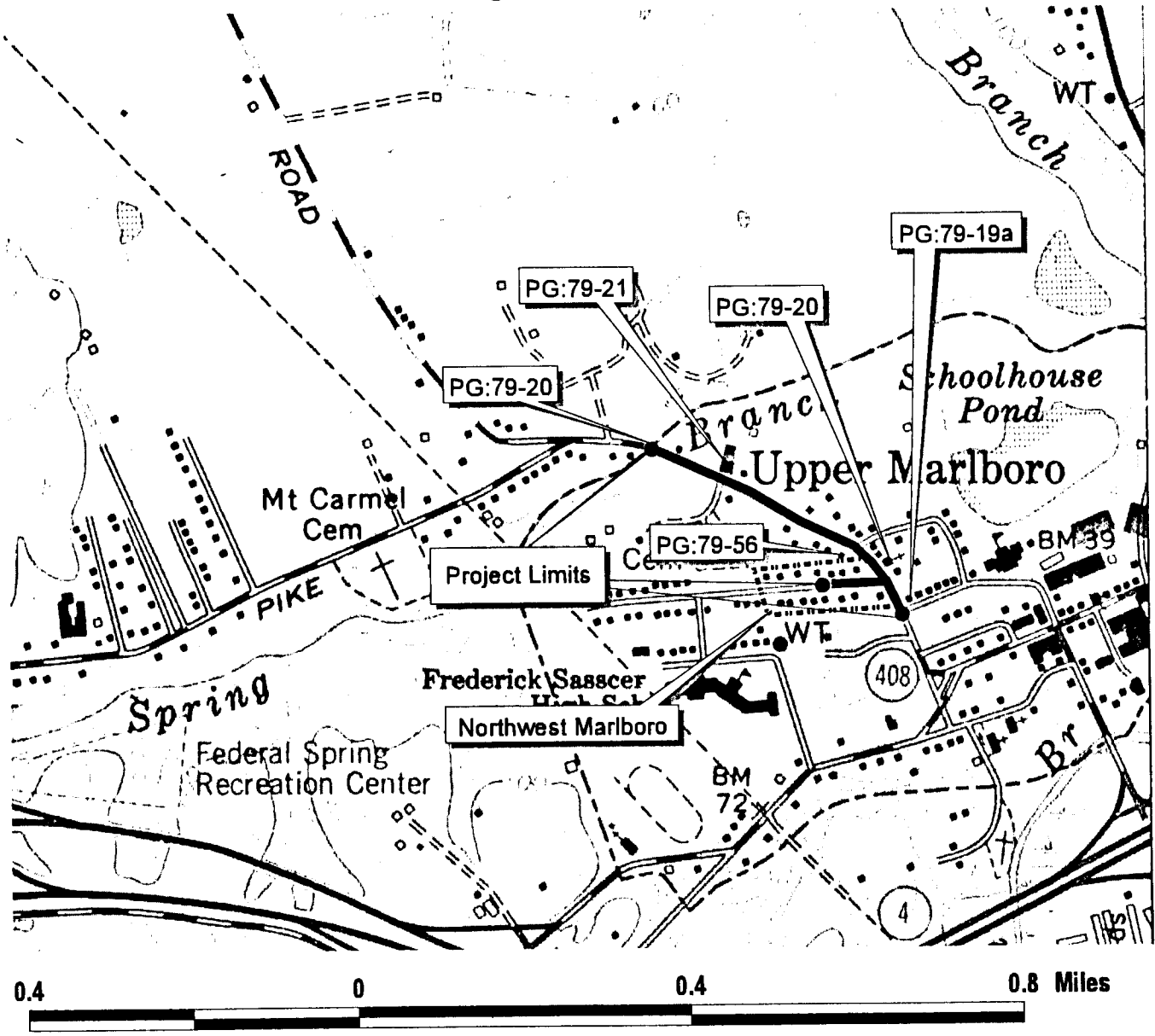
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MHT Comments

Andrew Lewis  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services  
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Reviewer, NR Program

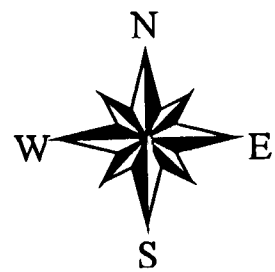
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Upper Marlboro Quad  
Attachment 1 showing APE



USGS Topo Quad Index  
County



PG: 79-56







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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #79-56 Building Date: ca. 1870's, 1908, 1927

Building Name: O'Bryan-Fisher House

Location: 14407 Old Marlboro Pike, Upper Marlboro, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

The O'Bryan-Fisher house is a low, two story rectangular side gable frame dwelling with a south (rear) ell kitchen wing. The three bay north (main) facade has a center entrance through a door with a single, full-length glass panel, surmounted by a transom. The first story is sheltered by a three bay hipped roof entrance porch, having turned and chamfered porch posts with fan brackets with turned spindles. A centered cross gable surmounts the facade. The boxed, crown molded cornice has kicks in the gable ends. Two corbelled brick chimneys rise from the roof ridge, flanking the cross gable. The gable end is covered by a two story hipped roof semi-octagonal projecting bay, an addition to the original structure. The two story south (rear) ell projects from the southwest corner of the facade. It is one-by-one bay with a gable roof and has the same siding, cornice treatment and roof line as the main block. The south-east section of the rear facade is filled by a two story, two-by-one bay shed roof addition. Crossing both added south wings is a three bay, shed roof rear screened porch constructed during the 1930's.

Significance

The O'Bryan-Fisher house is significant for its vernacular architecture and for its association with the history of Upper Marlboro. There was a house on the site as early as 1873; it was referred to as the residence of Thomas A. O'Bryan. The property was acquired in 1904 by Mary Anne Mullikin, whose husband, Owen P. Mullikin, was a hotel keeper in Upper Marlboro. The Mullikins improved the property in 1908, probably adding the two-story west bay at that time. In 1927 the property was acquired by Guy and Katherine Burnham. The Burnhams added the two-story southeast addition, containing a dining room and a second level bedroom, as well as a rear porch and garage to the property. The house is a fine example of the modest vernacular dwellings built in the County in the late nineteenth century. It is notable for its center front cross gable with its diamond-shaped window, its entrance porch with decorative posts and brackets, and its two-story semi-octagonal bay, added to the dwelling around the turn of the century.

Acreage: 8,700 square feet

Magi No.

DOE \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic O'Bryan - Fisher House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street &amp; number 14407 Old Marlboro Pike (Maryland Route 725) \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Upper Marlboro, \_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county Prince George's

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	___ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
___ site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	___ yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	___ military	___ other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Katherine Burnham

street &amp; number 14407 Old Marlboro Pike telephone no.:

city, town Upper Marlboro, state and zip code MD. 20772

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 2739

street &amp; number Main Street folio 365

city, town Upper Marlboro, state MD.

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title n/a

date \_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

depository for survey records Historic Preservation Commission, Room 4010, CAB

city, town Upper Marlboro, state MD.



## 7. Description

Survey No. P.G. #79-56

### Condition

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The O'Bryan-Fisher house is a low, two story rectangular side gable frame dwelling with a south (rear) ell kitchen wing. The house doesn't squarely face a cardinal point but is oriented to the northeast. Therefore the direction of the elevations is arbitrarily assigned, based on that point closest to the actual placement of the facade.

The three bay north (main) facade fronts closely on Marlboro Pike. Center entrance is through a door with a single, full-length glass panel and surrounded by a transom. The first story is sheltered by a three bay hipped roof entrance porch, having a wood floor set on low brick piers. The turned and chamfered porch posts have fan brackets with turned spindles, and support a crown molded, boxed cornice. Windows on the facade are 2/2 double-hung-sash with narrow, banded surrounds and wooden sills. A centered cross gable surmounting the facade has a diamond-shaped four light window.

The house is set on a brick foundation, and is covered with asbestos shingle. The boxed, crown molded cornice has kicks in the gable ends. The roof is covered with asphalt shingle. Two corbelled brick chimneys rise from the roof ridge, flanking the center front cross gable.

The three-bay gable end is covered by a two story hipped roof semi-octagonal projecting bay, an addition to the original structure. The upper gable projects above the bay addition. Both the raking cornice on the gable and the cornice on the bay are boxed and crown molded. The one bay east gable end has a 2/2 window at first and second levels.

The two story south (rear) ell projects from the southwest corner of the facade. It is one-by-one bay with a gable roof and has the same siding, cornice treatment and roof line as the main block. The window surrounds are wide plan board surrounds, differing from those on the main block. The southeast section of the rear facade is filled by a two story, two-by-one by shed roof addition, with 6/6 windows with narrow wood surrounds similar to those on the main block. This addition is set on a concrete block foundation. Crossing both added south wings is a three bay, shed roof rear screened porch constructed during the 1930's.

The interior of the Burnham-Fisher house originally had a center hall-two parlor plan. The kitchen wing may date to the construction of the house. The southeast dining room was added in 1927, making the plan two rooms to the east of the center hall and one room to the west. The stairs have a heavy turned and chamfered newel post surmounted by a knob, and turned and chamfered balusters. The door at the south end of the hall enters the kitchen wing.

## 8. Significance

Survey No. P.G. #79-56

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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				Local History

Specific dates 1908, 1927

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The O'Bryan-Fisher house is significant for its vernacular architecture and for its association with the history of Upper Marlboro.

There was a house on the site of the Burnham-Fisher house as early as 1873, when the approximately one acre property was transferred and was referred to as the residence of Thomas A. O'Bryan.<sup>1</sup> O'Bryan, a miller, and his family resided there through 1904.<sup>2</sup> The property was acquired in 1904 by Mary Anne Mullikin, whose husband, Owen P. Mullikin, was a hotel keeper in Upper Marlboro.<sup>3</sup> The Mullikins improved the property in 1908<sup>4</sup>, probably adding the two-story west bay at that time. The Mullikins owned the property through 1927, when it was acquired by Guy and Katherine Burnham.<sup>5</sup> The Burnhams added the two-story southeast addition, containing a dining room and a second level bedroom, as well as a rear porch and garage to the property.<sup>6</sup> Katherine Burnham Fisher still resides in the house.

The house is a fine example of the modest vernacular dwellings built in the County in the late nineteenth century. It is notable for its center front cross gable with its diamond-shaped window, its entrance porch with decorative posts and brackets, and its two-story semi-octagonal bay, added to the dwelling around the turn of the century.

### Notes

<sup>1</sup> Land Records of Prince George's County, H.B. 7:21.

<sup>2</sup> United States Census, Prince George's County, District 3, 1880, #27; and Land Records, 16:557.

<sup>3</sup> Land Records, 16:557; and United States Census, 1910, #6.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Notes, #8

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 8,700 square feetQuadrangle name Upper Marlboro F

Tax Map 101 E-1, p. 21

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Marina King, Architectural Historianorganization Historic Preservation Commission date September 1986street & number 14741 Gov. Oden Bowie Drive, Rm. 4010 telephone 952-3520city or town Upper Marlboro, state MD. 20772

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM

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Description (continued)

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The stairs have a heavy turned and chamfered newel post surmounted by a knob, and turned and chamfered balusters. The door at the south end of the hall enters the kitchen wing.

Door and window moldings on the interior are wide architrave surrounds. Doors are four panel with box locks, porcelain knobs, and hinges with floral designs. There are no hearths in the building. The chimney in the two north parlors have a stovepipe hole surrounded by a mantel.

The upper rooms have several different types of door, including a board and batten door with a box lock, leading to the bedroom over the kitchen. All the second story rooms are of slightly different floor levels, indicating that the building has been added onto more than once.

The partial basement, reached through a trap door in the rear porch floor, allows viewing of the hand-hewn sill and beams and the sawn floor joists. The house is set on a small triangular-shaped lot which follows the curve of Ritchie-Marlboro Pike. The only outbuilding is a ca. 1930's two-car garage, a gable roofed, frame structure.

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STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM  
Statement of Significance (continued)

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4 Tax Assessments, Prince George's County, District 3, 1908, Mary Ann Mullikin.

5 Land Records, 300:139.

6 Interview with Katherine Burnham Fisher, April 1986.

Chain of Title

O'Bryan-Fisher House  
P.G. #79-56

2739:365  
5 Oct. 1962  
Deed

Katherine M. Fisher to Rober D. Hopkins III,  
grantor has life estate. Parcel in Marlboro  
District, obtained from Mary A. and O.P. Mullikin,  
November 1927, 300:139, 8700 square feet.

300:139  
Nov. 1927  
Deed

Mary A. and O.P. Mullikin to Guy M. and Katherine  
M. Burnham. Same grantors obtained from Lillie Ann  
Montgomery, 12 October 1904, 16:557, lot in Upper  
Marlboro, contains 8700 square feet.

16:557  
12 Oct. 1904  
Deed

Lillie Ann Montgomery and Alexander Montgomery to  
Mary Ann Mullikin. For \$400, grantors convey  
parcel in Upper Marlboro, part of same obtained  
from C.C. Magruder, Jr. and wife, Thomas E.  
Williams and wife and Thomas A. G. Bryan and wife,  
7 March 1873, HB 7:21. A house and lot, 1 acre of  
land on which Thomas A. O'Bryan now resides. Part  
of a 24 acre tract purchased by C.C. Magruder, Jr.  
and Thomas J.E. Williams.

HB 7:21  
7 Mar. 1873  
Deed

Thomas E. Williams and Juliah M. Williams, C.C.  
Magruder Jr. and Bettie Magruder, Thomas and  
Caroline O'Bryan to Milbert C. O'Bryan, Lillie Ann  
O'Bryan and Mary Julia O'Bryan. For \$200, grantors  
convey to children of Thomas A. O'Bryan a house and  
lot with outbuildings upon which said Thomas  
O'Bryan now resides.

HB 4:877  
27 July 1871  
Deed

John B. Brooks, Trustee. June 1, 1869 Equity Court  
decreed sale of real estate in Jenkins vs. Thomas  
E. Gardiner, Equity #601. Lot 1 sold to Thomas E.  
Williams, C.C. Magruder, 24 1/4 acres.

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T. VAN CLAGETT

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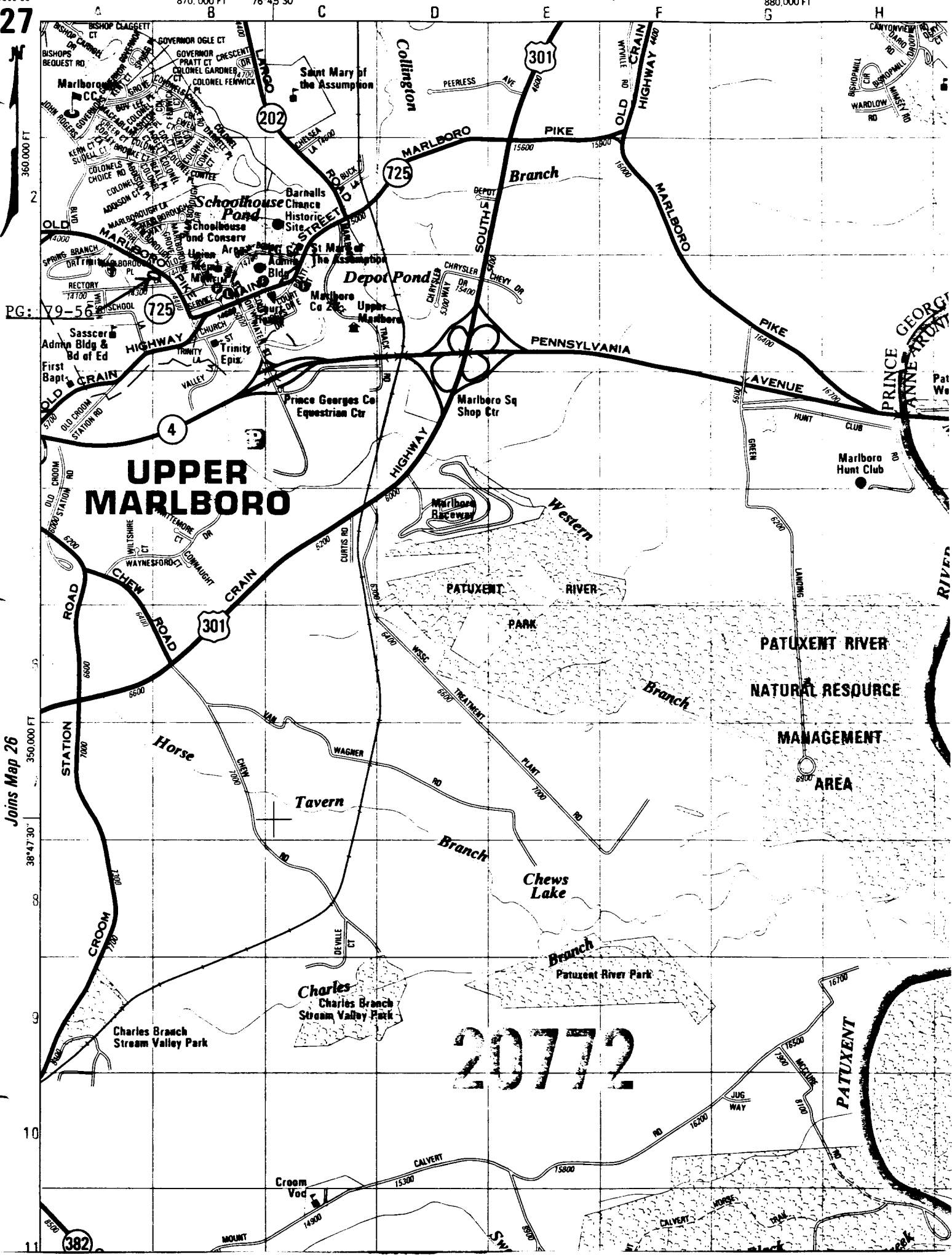
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East elevation  
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O'Bryan-Fisher House  
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Marina King  
April 1986  
South elevation  
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Prince george's County, MD.  
Marina King  
April 1986  
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North elevation  
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